

WEEK 2- WISDOM IN RELATIONSHIPS

Proverbs 10:18, 24:17, 24:8-9, 11:12, 24:28, 17:9, 25:21-22, 27:5-6

1. RELATIONSHIPS NEED CONSTANT REPAIR
2. FOUR COMPONENTS OF RELATIONSHIP REPAIR
 - RESIST SUPERIORITY
 - RELEASE LIABILITY
 - REPAY EVIL WITH GOOD
 - CONFRONT OUT OF LOVE
3. THE HEART BEHIND RELATIONSHIP REPAIR

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of this past Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. The first main idea this week was that "Relationships Need Constant Repair." Did you have anyone come to mind during the message that you'd like to repair your relationship with (you don't have to give a name if you don't want)? Did you get any ideas from the message on how to approach the situation?
3. The first component of relationship repair is resisting superiority. When's the last time you've felt superior to someone else? What are some of the different ways that feeling superior to others can come out in the way we treat them? Is there any way to keep these feelings of superiority in check?
4. Repaying evil with good is so much more than just avoiding revenge. It's actively seeking the good of those who have wronged you. This idea is the opposite of what we naturally want to do when someone wrongs us. Do you have any examples of when someone repaid you with good after you treated them poorly? Have you ever had the opportunity to repay evil with good?
5. The only way to truly confront someone out of love is if you've reached a point of inner forgiveness BEFORE you confront the other person. Have you ever seen a good example of how to confront out of love? How do we actually reach that point of inner forgiveness when someone wrongs us?
6. The steps associated with repairing relationships are even more difficult than they sound. We just don't have the power in ourselves to do them. However, when we see the lengths that Jesus went to in order to repair our relationship with Him it can completely change us from the inside out. What are some ways that Jesus walked through these four components of relationship repair for us?
7. Do you have any relationships that you'd like us to pray for as a group?